

FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

Washington.

In the name of the states of California, Arkansas, Colorado, South Dakota and Nebraska George Fred Williams of Boston sent to Washington a brief calling upon the supreme court of the United States to hold constitutional the initiative and referendum method of legislation adopted by Oregon.

The elimination of chicken from the army menu, the limitation of turkey to Thanksgiving and Christmas, the substitution of so-called "field bread" for hard tack, and abolishment of the field ration sum up the important changes in the army ration for the American soldier made during the last year.

The legal host gathered in Washington to fight before the supreme court of the United States for the constitutionality of the initiative and referendum methods of legislation in this country was augmented by counsel representing the state of Washington. They sent a brief to the court, but they are not expected to participate in the oral argument of the point which arises in a case from Oregon.

The state of Missouri took its place among a long list of other states protesting to the supreme court of the United States against the initiative and referendum method of legislation the board declared unconstitutional. The constitutional problem will come up in an Oregon case before the court this week. Mr. Major, attorney general of Missouri, explained that Missouri is particularly interested because it has adopted the amendment to the Oregon constitution authorizing the initiative and referendum legislation.

General.

The government is to be well fortified when it begins its anti-steel trust suit.

The postoffice department revenues show a surplus for the first time since 1883.

Although an off year election, interest in the coming contests is growing keen.

The vote of women will turn the tide in the next municipal ballot at Los Angeles.

Lady Collin Campbell, authoress and journalist, died in London after a long illness.

The Iowa state federation of retail merchants was organized at Dubuque by 250 retail merchants.

For the first time in ten years Colorado is importing potatoes from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois.

Secretary of War Sutherland plans to inspect the service schools at Forts Leavenworth and Riley, Kansas.

Edward F. Goltz, an anti-Folk man, was elected democratic national committeeman in Missouri.

Catholic archbishops who have been made cardinals are preparing to go to the consistory at Rome.

Charles W. Wood of Worcester, Mass., was elected president of the American dairy cattle congress at Chicago.

A. R. Armstrong, a wealthy merchant of Tucson, Arizona, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

The so-called steel trust investigating committee of the house of representatives will resume its hearing in Washington November 20.

Aviator C. P. Rodgers, in his coast to coast flight, was compelled to alight on the Arizona desert, sixty miles east of Yuma, because he ran out of gasoline.

The American dreadnought Delaware of the Atlantic fleet, leads the other battleships in efficiency at battle practice held off the Chesapeake capes during last September, with a score of 52.551.

The so-called "list of immortals" of the United States biological survey—a roster kept by that bureau of all hunting fatalities in this country—already this year has had added to it forty-seven names.

A committee of three bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church will investigate at Topeka, Kas., the charges brought against Bishop David J. Moore of Cincinnati, by Mrs. Carrie E. Cope of Topeka.

Secretary of War Stimson is strongly in favor of military training in the public schools of the country.

Special Examiner Smith took testimony in coal case and report will be made to interstate commerce commission which will make ruling.

Mrs. Ada Marshall of Philadelphia was elected grand president of the woman's auxiliary of the brotherhood of railway trainmen.

Six Italians, said to be members of a gang of church robbers which stole \$2,000 worth of diamonds, now under arrest in Los Angeles, must return to Illinois and face charges.

Rev. Anna Howard Shaw was re-elected president of the national woman's suffrage association.

Advocates of the initiative and referendum say it is a question for congress, and not for the courts to decide.

The Italian rear admiral says he is master of the situation in Turkish waters.

A fifteen-story club house, costing \$2,500,000, was dedicated in New York.

The call for the republican national convention will provide for 1,064 delegates.

The United States has gained Canadians almost as fast as Canada has gained Americans.

An estimate is made that it will require two months to secure a jury for the McNamara trial.

George E. Roberts, director of the mint, says President Taft will be re-nominated and re-elected.

A negro ran amuck in Algiers, La., and shot two policemen and several citizens before he was killed.

Yuan-Shi-Kai, the masterful mind of China, is hereafter to guide the ship of state of China.

The massacre of natives at Hankow, China, makes the problem of Premier Yuan Shi Kai more difficult.

The grand jury at Washington returned a white slave indictment against Robert Davidson of St. Louis.

Former admirers from all over the United States attended the unveiling of a statue in honor of Robert G. Ingersoll at Peoria, Ill.

George Wright tied himself to car tracks at Rollins, Wyo., and made trip to Grand Island. Had \$175 in gold on his person.

A reward of \$1,000 for the solution of the mystery surrounding the death of Dr. Helene Knabe of Indianapolis, is offered by the city.

Frank H. Nicholai, former assistant cashier of the City National bank of Auburn, Ind., will leave the federal prison at Leavenworth on parole.

A dispute over 6 cents between a taxicab owner and the driver was the direct cause of a walk out of 6,000 drivers and the paralyzing of London's taxicab service.

Eddie R. Morris, colored pugilist and member of the famous Mabray organization, was released from the county jail at Council Bluffs upon his own recognizance.

The arraignment of Allison MacFarland on an indictment, charging him with murder in the first degree in causing the death of his wife by poison, was up at Newark, N. J.

A bequest of \$750,000 is made to Bryn Mawr college by Emma Carola Woerschler, who died last month and whose will was admitted to probate.

The funeral of Joseph Pulitzer, owner and editor of the New York World, was held at St. Thomas church, New York. The public were admitted.

Naval officers will have to take the prescribed walking test more often than in the past in compliance with orders made public at the navy department.

Among the four brightest men in Harvard, according to the annual award of the Sears prize, are Robert A. Taft, son of the president, and Charles E. Hughes, son of Justice Hughes.

Fort Worth and Denver passenger train No. 5, northbound, was wrecked one mile west of Bellevue, Tex. Engineer Cunningham is dead and his fireman and a number of passengers were injured.

Matt McGrath of the Irish Athletic club threw the 16-pound hammer 187 feet and 4 inches at Celtic park in New York, thus breaking the world's record held by John Flannigan, by three feet.

The spot on the parapet of old Fort Stevens where President Lincoln stood exposed to confederate fire during the attack by General Early on the city of Washington, is to be marked by a huge boulder.

Louis Waelchli of Allentown, Pa., alias Lieutenant W. L. Norton of the United States army, was arrested at Duluth by John M. Bowen, a secret service man, on a charge of impersonating an officer with intent to defraud.

James Marsh of Kansas City and S. S. Embrey of Grainvalley, Mo., were accepted as talesmen in the Hyde case. Although he had lived in that city for seven years, Marsh said he had never heard of the Hyde case until when he was summoned as a ventriloquist.

The Rev. Mr. Richeson was indicted for murder at Boston.

The Illinois fish commission is to lure in the Lorimer inquiry.

Ex-President Roosevelt celebrated his 51st birthday on Oct. 27.

The greatest crowd of his itinerary greeted President Taft at Pittsburgh.

An affidavit asking the recall of Mayor Henry F. Avery was filed with the city clerk of Colorado Springs.

Chief Justice White of the supreme court of the United States last week celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday anniversary.

Norman J. Coleman, the first secretary of agriculture of the United States died a few days ago.

President Taft has approved the dismissal of Midshipman S. Roberts of Illinois at Annapolis.

Former Speaker Shurtleff told the Lorimer committee ex-Mayor Biase was responsible for his election.

Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, died suddenly from heart disease.

State Senator H. S. Magill of Illinois has announced his candidacy for United States senator to succeed Senator Shelby M. Cullom.

THE HOUSE JOURNAL

CHIEF CLERK RICHMOND SEES END OF HIS LABORS.

A LONG AND TEDIOUS JOB

Some Suggestions as to How the State Laws Could Sooner Be Put Before the Public.

Henry C. Richmond of Omaha, chief clerk of the house during his last legislative session, appeared at the state house with copies of the house journal and the announcement that the long job of printing the records of the 1911 session has at last been completed. The book, which Colonel Richmond has given to the state officials and those entitled to receive it under the state law, is a tasty example of the art preservative and is liberally interspersed with pictures of the house members, some of the officials and the newspaper men who covered the proceedings of the session.

In his preface he makes an explanation why the book was not out sooner, saying that it would have been possible if a state law compelled delivery by some specific date. Col. Richmond says:

Perhaps the quickest, surest and best method of getting these records quickly into the hands of those who use them would be the adoption of the plan now used in several progressive states, including Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Kansas. It is merely to let the contract for the printing of the journals before the session convenes. Then the proceedings of each day is put in type at night the desk of every member being supplied with the printed product every morning.

In this way not only is every member privileged to see the previous day's record while it is still fresh in his mind, but any errors may be pointed out and corrected with the knowledge and approval of all. And when approved, the required number of copies for the bound volume are at once printed, and so on from day to day. Thus, when the session closes, the journal is all printed and ready for distribution. Every state adopting this method accords it unstinted praise, declaring it far more accurate, much less expensive and vastly quicker than we are able to get the journals under our present law.

In telling in the same place of the accomplishments of the session Mr. Richmond pays tribute to the members in the following words:

Whatever may be its imperfections it is the product of the labor of 100 men for three months—men who served their constituency with as much loyalty, intelligence and patriotism as any legislative body in the history of this commonwealth. For the honor of directing their clerical work I again thank them. I shall profit by their precepts and their associations. The experience was helpful and exhilarating. To us and those faithful and efficient workers with me the record of the house of 1911 will ever recall a period of earnest endeavor and a million happy memories.

Nebraska's Leading Crop.

Advance information concerning grain crop statistics which he has compiled for the year 1911, has been given by Deputy Labor Commissioner Guye. In his report he points out that the corn crop this season was less in bushels than it was a year ago, but the price is higher. What was lost in production was gained on price, making the value of the corn crop the same. The production of winter wheat was greater this year than it was a year ago.

The Apple Crop.

Orchard men in the vicinity of Lincoln said that about all of the apples of any value had been harvested before the killing frosts and apple raisers have not lost a great deal through the arrival of cold weather. A few apples still remain on the trees, the dealers said, but these are apples which were not worth picking and which would probably have been left on the trees anyhow. Reports from some places in eastern Nebraska show that many apple raisers had not completed their harvest when the freeze came.

Millers Ask for Postponement.

At the request of the southwestern millers' league and the consent of all parties, the railway commission has indefinitely postponed a hearing of the complaint of the association against all of the roads in Nebraska, with the exception of the Burlington, in regard to charges for cleaning and lining cars for the shipment of flour. The work is now done by the railroad companies.

To Investigate Typhoid.

Dr. L. L. Lumsden, the government typhoid fever expert, who conducted an investigation at Omaha about eighteen months ago, will be here in a few days for the purpose of investigating the Lincoln situation. Word to that effect was received, the decision of the expert to come here following a request made some time ago by Governor Aldrich. Dr. Lumsden's assignment proper comes from the Marine hospital, and is at the order of the federal government.

ALFALFA MEAL RATE.

Railway Commission Issues Order Regarding Same.

The State Railway commission has issued an order reducing the rate on alfalfa meal 4 cents between Albia and Omaha. The rate has been 12 1-2 cents and the new rate will be 8 1-2 cents. The latter rate is the present tariff on baled alfalfa hay from Albia to Omaha. The commission also names a rate of 10 1-2 cents on alfalfa meal from Kearney to Omaha, making the minimum weight 30,000 pounds. A summary of the order, written by Commissioner W. J. Furse, follows:

Rates on alfalfa meal from Kearney to Omaha and from Albia to Omaha via Union Pacific lines found to be unreasonable and excessive. Reasonable rates prescribed.

For the reason that no difficulty is experienced in loading the present minima on baled alfalfa hay and unmixed alfalfa meal, and inasmuch as these commodities will not load to the full carrying capacity, the minima now in effect are deemed reasonable and will not be disturbed.

The order of the commission is as follows: It is therefore ordered by the Nebraska State Railway commission that the Union Pacific Railroad company be, and the same is hereby directed, to cancel its present rates on unmixed alfalfa meal between the stations of Albia and Omaha, and to establish and maintain a rate of 8 1-2 cents per 100 pounds on unmixed alfalfa meal from Albia to Omaha, and a rate of 10 1-2 cents per 100 pounds on unmixed alfalfa meal from Kearney to Omaha, minimum weight 30,000 pounds, said rates to become effective from and after publication and filing with the commission of a lawful tariff providing for same, but not later than thirty days from date of this order, provided that no higher rate shall be charged from or to any intermediate point.

To Argue Gas Case.

Preparations are being made by City Attorney Foster and Special Counsel W. M. Morning for argument in the United States supreme court of the dollar gas ordinance passed several years ago by the Lincoln city council and now before that tribunal for settlement as to its validity.

Work at State Fair Grounds.

The state board of agriculture has entered into a contract with Robert Malone to grade a considerable portion of the state fair grounds. The gentle hill which has usually been the location of the machinery exhibits will be cut down and the dirt used to fill a swale between the two parts of this hill and the low ground immediately east of the race track. There is a considerable stretch of the race course which has always been unfit for use because of lack of drainage.

Payment of Warrants.

Judge Hastings of the university law school is preparing a brief in support of the immediate payment of warrants drawn on the appropriation for the Omaha medical college. State Auditor Barton refuses to approve these warrants until the time for filing an appeal from the decision of the district court of Lancaster county shall have lapsed. The validity of the appropriation was upheld in the lower court.

The Registration Laws.

The Nebraska legislative reference bureau is now pursuing an investigation of registration laws having in view the simplifying of the laws so that they will cause less inconvenience to the voter. The base of the present law in the state is the frequent registration required. In some other states a permanent list of qualified voters is made and registration boards sit for the purpose only of making corrections and additions to this list. In Massachusetts cities only new voters and those who change their residence are required to appear before the board.

Burlington Traffic Increases.

Reports compiled by Rate Clerk Powell of the State Railway commission shows that the Burlington railroad has had a steady increase of state traffic since 1909. The number of tons during that time has increased as well as the number of passengers carried. Reports of other railroads in Nebraska will be forthcoming at an early day.

Court Asked to Decide.

The supreme court has been asked for a decision on the right of the state food commissioner to make a regulation prohibiting payment for cream on the day the cream is tested. State Food Commissioner Jackson made the regulation for the purpose of making cream testers more accurate. At least a half hour, it is said, is required to make a test and it is said to be impossible for a tester to do the work well when a crowd of patrons appear with cream.

A TRUCE IN CHINA

YUAN REPORTED TO HAVE ARRANGED AN ARMISTICE.

WILL BE FOR TEN WEEKS

Chaos Reigns in Peking City, With No Real Head of the Government in Evidence.

London.—The Daily Telegraph's Peking correspondent says he is reliably informed that Yuan Shi Kai has practically arranged a ten weeks' armistice with the rebel generalissimo. This will permit Yuan to go immediately to Peking and form a cabinet. He will also attempt to solve the present confusion.

Peking.—Yuan Shi Kai still declines to accept the premiership, although assured of the support of the national assembly and General Chang, in command of the Lanchow troops. Both the assembly and General Chang, however, insist that when the parliament is elected the premier shall be chosen by that body.

In the meantime affairs here are in a state of chaos. No tangible head of the government is visible. The government urgently needs funds and hopes that the Franco-Belgian loan will be forthcoming, to enable the military operations and the administration to be carried on. The international group refuses to supply war funds. The government is urging the group to advance money in order to allay the threatened financial and public deadlock in Peking, as it is feared that the noncirculation of money will cause serious hardships to the coolies and the lower classes, which possibly might lead to local disturbances.

To this the group is inclined to accede, although foreign commercial interests at Peking are inconsiderable. The question of tangible security appears to be almost insurmountable, but the negotiations continue. The group insists that the funds be used for the purpose stated and suggests that, if completed, the loan be handed over to the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as was done at Shanghai in the recent crisis.

The third division of the army stationed at Shang Lang Fu is under orders to proceed to Lanchow, the government evidently hoping that the presence there of a loyal division would have a salutary effect on General Chang's men. The transference of this division is now going on and the attitude of the men is eagerly awaited, as it will probably turn the scales in north China. Elsewhere in the north, excepting in Peking, the soldiers generally sympathize with the Lanchow movement.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Victims Are Unmercifully Slaughtered in Their Own Homes.

Malta.—Steamer passengers arriving from Tripoli describe the situation there as a reign of terror. Strong military patrols are continually conducting rigorous house-to-house searches and on the smallest pretense summary punishment is meted out. Many victims have been shot in their own houses. In the absence of any attempt to discriminate between friend and foe many foreigners have taken refuge in their respective consulates.

Ocean to Ocean Flight.

Pasadena, Cal.—Aviator Rodgers, approaching a successful completion of his ocean to ocean jaunt across the American continent, soared into Pasadena Sunday at a mile a minute clip on the spur of thirty miles from Pomona and dropped from an altitude of several thousand feet to a graceful landing at Tournament park. Monday he expects to fly out over the Pacific and thus make the epoch marking feat of aviation really an ocean to ocean flight.

Stubbs Calls Election.

Topeka, Kan.—Governor Stubbs has called an election for January 8, 1912, to choose a successor to the late Congressman E. H. Madison, of the Seventh Kansas district.

Asks for Writ of Error.

Richmond, Va.—Lawyers for Henry C. Beattie, Jr., under death sentence for the murder of his wife, filed with the supreme court of appeals a petition for a writ of error. This constitutes an appeal from the judgment of the court.

A New Occupation.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Charles Skirden, hero of Owen Wister's "Virginian," who deserted western plains to become a policeman here, is to take charge of a game preserve.

Phone Company Brings Suit.

Madison, Wis.—The Wisconsin Telephone company (Bell) brought action before the state railroad commission to prevent that body from enforcing the 1911 law requiring physical connection between telephone companies.

Wants Name Changed.

Chicago.—Louis C. Schmeitkopf has asked the courts of this city to change his name. He says in his petition that in German "Schmeitkopf" means "fat head."

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Hallowe'en pranks in Lincoln, it is said, will cost that city about \$500.

The Omaha-Plattsmouth bridge spanning the Platte, is to be opened November 10th.

There is more trouble on at the Milford home and the governor may have to take action.

Fairbury is to have a new passenger depot for use of the Rock Island line. The structure was destroyed by fire some time ago.

The bounty of \$25,000 appropriated by the last legislature for glandered horses is going fast, about one-third of the amount having thus far been used.

Elaborate preparation is in making for entertainment of the state teachers association when it meets this month.

Mrs. Lowery Jones of Fremont is looking for her husband who was in Omaha October 20 with \$200 in his pocket and has not been seen or heard from since.

Buffalo Bill, the great showman of Nebraska fame, has retired from the amusement arena and will spend the balance of his days in the Wyoming Big Horn country.

A small frame building in Nebraska City, occupied by Mrs. Catherine Ricker, aged 77, was burned. After the fire the remains of the aged woman was found in the embers.

The Nebraska State bank of Verdigris has been chartered by the state banking board. It has a capital of \$17,000, exclusive of the \$800 set aside as its part of the guaranty fund.

The Holbrook Telephone company has refused to submit to a physical valuation by the railway commission and unless its attitude is changed, prosecution will be begun shortly.

Washington dispatch: Nebraska pensions granted: John L. Clark, \$20; John Ess, \$20; Samuel Funk, \$20; Josiah Gray, \$15; Robert McFarland, \$15; Huldah M. Marquett, \$12; Marion G. Morrill, \$15; John E. Meyers, \$15; Fred K. U. Spink, \$15; Horace Kronkright, \$20; Sarah J. Shintal, \$12.

Proposed changes in the regulations as to carrying baggage on Nebraska railroads are to be considered by the state railway commission at a hearing called for November 14 at 2 p. m.

Both the railroads and interested travelers are to be given an opportunity to present their views on the proposed curtailment of baggage privileges.

At Grand Island, George Wright was removed from the trucks of a passenger coach on Union Pacific in almost a famished condition. He had tied himself to the trucks underneath the coach at Rawlins, Wyo., and remained in that position until the arrival of the train here. The authorities, in caring for him, discovered that he had \$175 in his pocket.

The epidemic of typhoid fever which exists at the State Institute for Feeble Minded at Beatrice is little relieved, according to a report received by state officials. Superintendent Thomas, who had been ill for several weeks, is mending, but Mrs. Thomas, their daughter, the chief engineer, two nurses and a stenographer have been taken ill. These are in addition to several inmates who are critically ill. A number of inmates died.

Lloyd S. Lapsley, charged with the forgery of a \$200 check on the First National bank of Beatrice, was bound over to the district court and was returned to the county jail where he will await hearing before a jury at the November term, which opens on November 13. Mrs. Blanche Lapsley, his wife, who was also made a defendant in the case, having cashed the check at the First National bank, was discharged.

The bankers of Franklin county and of the town of Wilcox in Kearney county met in Franklin for the purpose of organizing a county bankers' association. Twelve bankers, representing eleven banks, were in attendance and formed a temporary organization, with W. S. Marr of Hildreth as president and G. E. Hall of Franklin as secretary.

State Game Warden Miller has been notified that a full grown buck deer has been seen repeatedly in the vicinity of Sterling, Johnson county. Recently a doe was killed at Wahoo and the slayers of the animal were fined for violating the game law which provides no open season for killing deer. It is supposed the two animals seen in the eastern part of the state were mates and that they came from some of the western states or from western Nebraska where there is a small herd that feeds with range cattle.

While trying to keep a crowd of boys and young men from soaping his windows Hallowe'en night Landlord Parks of the American hotel, Kearney, was struck over the head with the butt of a buggy whip, felling him to the ground unconscious.

A federal typhoid expert has been sent to Lincoln to investigate the malady in that city.

Mrs. Marks Dawling, a pioneer of Madison county and a woman of much prominence, died last week.

According to the report of State Treasurer George for the month of October the state of Nebraska is nominally in debt \$54,990.81, after being out of debt for considerable more than a year. The general funds show a balance of only \$216.43, and the state treasurer has \$55,507.24 of general fund warrants on hand registered in the permanent school fund.